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LETTER DATED 24 FEBRUARY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq dated 15 February 1995 (S/1995/141), I have the honour to inform you of the following.

The Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects all allegations made by the Foreign Minister of Iraq. The armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran had no movement whatsoever along the borders during the dates referred to in the above-mentioned letter. Despite the Iraqi allegations, our reports indicate that the prevailing situation in border areas during that period was calm and normal.

Needless to emphasize, the Government of Iraq is solely responsible for its own internal problems. Therefore, any attempt on the part of Iraq to link these problems with the Islamic Republic of Iran and resolution 598 (1987) is considered dubious and unacceptable and contradicting the principle of good-neighbourliness.

The Islamic Republic of Iran reiterates, once again, its commitment to Security Council resolution 598 (1987), and the principles of respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq and non-intervention in its internal affairs. The Islamic Republic of Iran continues to believe in establishing good-neighbourly relations between the two countries, and in this regard expects the Government of Iraq to show its good intention for creating confidence and friendly relations between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter was circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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